

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A wet-type multiple disc clutch in which a clutch plate set having a plurality of friction plates and a plurality of separator plates alternately provided therein is interposed between a clutch case and a clutch hub, an oil pressure piston serving to fasten said clutch plate set is slidably retained in a cylinder chamber formed between an outer tube and the inner tubecylindrical member and an inner cylindrical member of said clutch case, and a canceler for defining a centrifugal oil pressure cancel chamber between said oil pressure piston and said clutch case is secured on the inner ~~tube~~cylindrical member of said clutch case through a stop ring, ~~which~~the wet-type multiple disc clutch comprising:

stop ring fall-out preventing means for preventing a fall of said stop ring, wherein said stop ring fall-out preventing means comprises a step portion which is formed on the inner cylindrical member of said clutch case for restricting movement of said canceler toward said oil pressure piston side, and a detention portion, including

a detention member formed on said canceler, for restricting size expansion of said stop ring when said canceler is at a position in which it is stopped by said step portion.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A wet-type multiple disc clutch in which a clutch plate set having a plurality of friction plates and a plurality of separator plates alternately provided therein is interposed between a clutch case and a clutch hub, an oil pressure piston serving to fasten said clutch plate set is slidably retained in a cylinder chamber formed between an outer cylindrical member and an inner cylindrical member of said clutch case, and a canceler for defining a centrifugal oil pressure cancel chamber between said oil pressure piston and said clutch case is secured on the inner cylindrical member of said clutch case through a stop ring, the wet-type multiple disc clutch comprising:
stop ring fall-out preventing means for preventing a fall of said stop ring,

~~A wet type multiple disc clutch according to Claim 1,~~ wherein said stop ring fall-out preventing means comprises a step portion which is formed on the inner

~~tube~~cylindrical member of said clutch case for restricting a movement of said ~~stop ring canceler~~ toward said oil pressure piston side, and a detention ring to be fitted on said stop ring.

4. (currently amended) A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to Claim 3, wherein ~~the~~an inner end surface on said clutch hub side of said inner ~~tube~~cylindrical member of said clutch case is supported by a thrust bearing and, at the same time, an axial movement of said detention ring is restricted by said thrust bearing.

5. (currently amended) ~~A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to Claim 1,~~ A wet-type multiple disc clutch in which a clutch plate set having a plurality of friction plates and a plurality of separator plates alternately provided therein is interposed between a clutch case and a clutch hub, an oil pressure piston serving to fasten said clutch plate set is slidably retained in a cylinder chamber formed between an outer cylindrical member and an inner cylindrical member of said clutch case, and a canceler for defining a centrifugal oil pressure cancel chamber between said oil pressure piston and said clutch case is secured on the

inner cylindrical member of said clutch case through a stop ring, the wet-type multiple disc clutch comprising:

stop ring fall-out preventing means for preventing a fall of said stop ring,

wherein a backing plate for axially supporting said clutch plate set with said clutch hub is secured to said clutch case and a sealing means is interposed between said backing plate and said clutch hub.

6. (currently amended) A wet-type multiple disc clutch in which a clutch plate set having a plurality of friction plates and a plurality of separator plates alternately provided therein is interposed between a clutch case and a clutch hub, an oil pressure piston serving to fasten said clutch plate set is slidably retained in a cylinder chamber formed between an outer cylindrical member and an inner cylindrical member of said clutch case, and a canceler for defining a centrifugal oil pressure cancel chamber between said oil pressure piston and said clutch case is secured on the inner cylindrical member of said clutch case through a stop ring, the wet-type multiple disc clutch comprising:

stop ring fall-out preventing means for preventing a fall of said stop ring,

wherein said stop ring fall-out preventing means

comprises a step portion which is formed on the inner
cylindrical member of said clutch case for restricting a
movement of said canceler toward said oil pressure piston
side, and a detention portion which is formed on said
canceler for restricting size expansion of said stop
ring, and

~~A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to Claim~~
2, wherein a backing plate for axially supporting said
clutch plate set with said clutch hub is secured to said
clutch case and a sealing means is interposed between
said backing plate and said clutch hub.

7. (previously presented) A wet-type multiple disc
clutch according to Claim 3, wherein a backing plate for
axially supporting said clutch plate set with said clutch
hub is secured to said clutch case and a sealing means is
interposed between said backing plate and said clutch
hub.

8. (previously presented) A wet-type multiple disc
clutch according to Claim 4, wherein a backing plate for
axially supporting said clutch plate set with said clutch
hub is secured to said clutch case and a sealing means is
interposed between said backing plate and said clutch
hub.

9. (new) A multiple disc clutch, comprising:

a clutch plate set having a plurality of friction plates and a plurality of separator plates alternately provided therein and interposed between a clutch case and a clutch hub;

an oil pressure piston serving to fasten said clutch plate set slidably retained in a cylinder chamber formed between an outer cylindrical member and an inner cylindrical member of said clutch case; and

a canceler which is disposed for defining an oil pressure cancel chamber between said oil pressure piston and said clutch case and which is secured on the inner cylindrical member of said clutch case through a stop ring disposed in a recessed portion of said inner cylindrical member, said canceler being axially movable toward said oil pressure piston to a limit position at which the movement of said canceler is stopped by a movement restricting member,

wherein a detention structure is provided having a detention member positioned laterally outward of said stop ring to block said stop ring from escaping said recessed portion of said inner cylindrical member when said canceler is at said limit position.

10. (new) A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to Claim 9, wherein said detention member is disposed on said canceler.

11. (new) A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to Claim 9, wherein said detention structure includes a detention ring fitted on said stop ring.

12. (new) A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to Claim 11, wherein an inner end surface on said clutch hub side of said inner cylindrical member of said clutch case is supported by a thrust bearing, and an axial movement of said detention ring is restricted by said thrust bearing.

13. (new) A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to claim 9, wherein a backing plate for axially supporting said clutch plate set with said clutch hub is secured to said clutch case and a sealing structure is interposed between said backing plate and said clutch hub.

14. (new) A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to Claim 10, wherein a backing plate for axially supporting said clutch plate set with said clutch hub is

secured to said clutch case and a sealing structure is interposed between said backing plate and said clutch hub.

15. (new) A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to Claim 11, wherein a backing plate for axially supporting said clutch plate set with said clutch hub is secured to said clutch case and a sealing structure is interposed between said backing plate and said clutch hub.

16. (new) A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to Claim 12, wherein a backing plate for axially supporting said clutch plate set with said clutch hub is secured to said clutch case and a sealing structure is interposed between said backing plate and said clutch hub.